

1-1 By: Gonzales of Hidalgo (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2286
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011;
1-3 May 3, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 13, 2011, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 13, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the duties of a funeral director or an agent at the
1-9 interment or entombment of a human body.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 651, Occupations Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 651.4085 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 651.4085. INTERMENT OR ENTOMBMENT. (a) A funeral
1-14 director who contracts with a customer to perform funeral directing
1-15 under this chapter, or an agent of the funeral establishment, shall
1-16 be present when the casket containing the human body to which the
1-17 contract applies is placed in a grave, crypt, or burial vault unless
1-18 interment or entombment takes place at a location outside this
1-19 state.

1-20 (b) The funeral directing duties related to interment or
1-21 entombment services are complete when the casket is placed in a
1-22 grave, crypt, or burial vault.

1-23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-27 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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